

## **UMBAGOG LAKE**

Magalloway Plt. and Upton, Oxford County, Maine Cambridge and Errol Twps, Coos County, N.H. U.S.G.S. Umbagog Lake North, Maine (7½') and U.S.G.S. Umbagog Lake South, Maine (7½')

## **Fishes**

Landlocked salmon
Lake trout (togue)
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
Yellow perch
Northern pike
Chain pickerel
Minnows
Lake chub
Golden shiner
Common shiner

Redbelly dace
Finescale dace
Fathead minnow
Creek chub
Fallfish (chub)
Pearl dace
Longnose sucker
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Slimy sculpin
Landlocked alewife

**Physical Characteristics** 

Area - 7,850 acres

Temperatures: Surface - 70°F 43 feet - 68°F

Maximum depth - 48 feet

Principal fisheries: Landlocked salmon, brook trout, smallmouth bass

Umbagog Lake is located west of the Richardson Lakes on the Maine - New Hampshire border. It is a shallow lake with only two small deep basins. The two major inlets are the Rapid River, which enters the east side of the lake from the Richardson Lakes, and the Magalloway River that enters near the outlet on the west side. The outlet is the beginning of the Androscoggin River and flows west into New Hampshire and then south back into Maine. The lake's shoreline is lightly developed.

Water quality in Umbagog Lake is good for warm- water fish species. The shallow overall depth allows water temperatures to warm in the summer months. Recent illegal introductions of bass and pike have become established and are now providing fisheries. Rocks and aquatic vegetation provide good warmwater fish habitat along the shoreline and the many shoals. Populations of salmonids are present, but do poorly in the lake with heavy competition from many other species. Most salmon and brook trout move into the inlet rivers in summer to escape the warming water temperatures. The lake is not stocked.

Umbagog Lake is accessible from two boat launch sites in New Hampshire. The northern access is from Route 16 via the Androscoggin River and the southern is from Route 26 between Upton and Errol. The lake is open to fishing in both the summer and winter seasons with special interstate water regulations.

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